

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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NO ACTION REQUIRED VS. NO FURTHER ACTION - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?  
We have had a bit of confusion regarding these two terms. "No action required" (NAR) refers to a recently created module in our Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS). This module tracks information where DNR has determined that no environmental action is required in response to information that we have received (e.g. a tank closure assessment report where no site investigation is required). This module allows us to more easily keep track of these reports and to share this information with the public. This can be handy for property transactions, future development, in cases where there is a discharge at a later date, and for investigations at adjacent properties. Please remember that this module shows our response to specific reports that we have received. It does not guarantee that there is no other contamination on a property. Entries in the NAR module are always assigned a BRRTS tracking number that starts with 09. The RR Program does not send a response letter for sites in the NAR module unless we have received a request (and fee) for a general liability clarification letter.

"No further action" (NFA) under s. NR 708.09, Wis. Adm. Code, is entirely different from NAR. No further action means that a significant discharge to the environment has occurred and has been adequately cleaned up within 45 days. These releases are handled as spills and are tracked in the spills module of BRRTS, with a tracking number that starts with 04. Again, no response letter is sent unless the spiller has requested a letter and paid the \$250 fee for a "no further action" letter.

For readers who use BRRTS extensively, remember that we have 8 different modules in BRRTS that track specific types of incidents. You can locate these modules in BRRTS on the Web by using the drop down menu under "activity type". Sites in each module start with a distinct BRRTS identification number, shown below for each of the main modules. If you don't select a specific module, BRRTS on the Web will show you the activities in all of the modules.

- 02 - Environmental Repair Program (ERP) - Case closure under ch. NR 726, Wis. Adm. Code
- 03 - Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) - Case closure under ch. NR 726, Wis. Adm. Code
- 04 - Spill - No further action under s. NR 708.09, Wis. Adm. Code
- 06 - Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) - certificate of completion under s. 292.15, Wis. Stats.
- 07 - General Property Assistance - Includes negotiated agreements, off-site exemptions, lease letters, tax cancellation agreements, general liability clarification letters and lender Phase 1 and 2 assessments
- 09 - No Action Required (NAR) - No site investigation or cleanup required

You can find BRRTS on the Web under the "Find Sites" button on our web page. <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm> If you have questions about BRRTS, please contact Dale Ziege at [Dale.Ziege@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Dale.Ziege@dnr.state.wi.us), or 608-267-7533.

UPDATED CASE CLOSURE FORM

We have revised our Case Summary and Close Out Form (publication #RR 4400-202). This form is designed to provide responsible parties, environmental consultants and others with instructions and a list of information that must be submitted with requests for case closure under ch. NR 726, Wis. Adm. Code. The closure of a case means that DNR has determined that no further environmental cleanup is required based on the information that has been submitted. The form now includes more information for sites that will be added to the Geographic Information System (GIS) Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. The revised form is on the web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-202.pdf>. If you have questions regarding the case closure form, please contact Sally Kefer at 608-266-0833, or [Sally.Kefer@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Sally.Kefer@dnr.state.wi.us)

ON THE WEB:

- If you missed our "No Small Change" video-conference in August, you can view the powerpoint presentations from the conference on our web site. Don't miss this overview of sources of funding for redevelopment of brownfields.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm#change>

- Brownfields Success Story - Publication RR-694 describes the rags to riches story of the cleanup and redevelopment of an old railroad yard and scrapyard in the heart of Baraboo. The property, formerly contaminated with petroleum, lead, PAHs and PCBs, is now the new Baraboo City Services Center, housing the public utility, streets and sanitation, water utility, and parks departments.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR694.pdf>

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